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"SUB-MARINER JOINS THE EVIL MUTANTS!"

ALSO FEATURING: QUICKSILVER and The SCARLET WITCH!

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X-MEN THE MOST UNUSUAL TEEN-AGERS OF ALL TIME...

SUB-MARINER! JOINS The EVIL MUTANTS

EVEN SUPERIOR MUTANTS WITH SUPERNATURAL POWERS HAVE TO EAT DINNER THE SAME AS WE... AND THAT'S WHERE OUR STORY BEGINS...IN THE DINING HALL OF THE MYSTERIOUS BUILDING WHICH HOUSES...
The X-MEN!

HOLD IT, HANK! YOU KNOW OUR RULE... NO REACHING ACROSS THE TABLE FOR ANYTHING!

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN CYCLOPS SMILE IN MONTHS! OL' SCOTT SHOULD DO IT MORE OFTEN!

IT WAS A DELICIOUS MEAL, JEAN! THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUT ON THE COOK'S DAY OFF!

I WAS GLAD TO DO IT, PROFESSOR!

OWW! IS IT IMPERATIVE THAT YOU RESORT TO SUCH DRASTIC MEASURES JUST TO EMPHASIZE A POINT, SCOTT?

ADVANCED MATH

WHILE NO ONE'S LOOKING, I'LL USE MY ICING POWER TO MAKE SOME PIE A LA MODE!

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MMM...BOY! IF THERE'S ONE THING I LIKE BETTER THAN PIE AND ICE CREAM, IT'S *MORE* PIE AND ICE CREAM!

I'LL JUST SHUT MY EYES AND ENJOY EVERY LAST... *HEY!!*

CLACK!

SOME WISE GUY IS GONNA GET HIMSELF A FIST-FUL OF KNUCKLES IF... *JEAN!* WHAT'S GOIN' *ON?!*

BOBBY DRAKE!! YOU *KNOW* HOW PROFESSOR X FEELS ABOUT TABLE MANNERS! *NEXT* TIME USE YOUR FORK!!

GOSH, PROFESSOR... SOMETIMES WHEN I LISTEN TO ALL THE KIDDING AROUND, IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE WE'RE REALLY A GROUP OF *HOMO SUPERIOR* MUTANTS!

IT'S NATURAL FOR YOU TO FEEL THAT WAY, WARREN! AFTER ALL, EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT EACH OF US POSSESSES A UNIQUE SUPER-POWER, WE'RE NO DIFFERENT FROM ORDINARY HOMO SAPIENS!

I WONDER IF THERE ARE MANY *MORE* MUTANTS LIVING AMONG US WHOM WE DON'T SUSPECT?

I BELIEVE THERE ARE, JEAN! IN FACT, THAT'S OUR MISSION ...TO LOCATE THEM BEFORE THEY ARE FOUND BY THE *EVIL MUTANTS!*

HMM, SO MUCH HAS BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT PRINCE NAMOR, THE *SUB-MARINER*, LATELY! I WONDER IF HE, TOO, MIGHT NOT BE A MUTANT!

WHERE IS SUB-MARINER??

COAST GUARD PATROLS KEEP CONSTANT SEA-WATCH!

IF HE *IS*, WHAT A POWERFUL ALLY HE WOULD BE FOR THE X-MEN!! AND WHAT A DANGEROUS *FOE* HE WOULD BE IF HE JOINED *MAGNETO'S* EVIL MUTANTS!!

WE CANNOT CHANCE IT!! WE MUST *FIND* SUB-MARINER!

AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, ON AN UNCHARTED ISLE FAR OUT TO SEA...

WE CAN DELAY NO LONGER! *SUB-MARINER MUST BE FOUND!*

BUT HE'S TOO *STRONG*, MASTER! WHAT IF HE WON'T OBEY YOU??

SILENCE, TOAD! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN MY POWER?? HE SHALL OBEY *MAGNETO!!*

SO FAR THE *X-MEN* HAVE FOILED ME AT EVERY TURN! BUT, WITH THE *SUB-MARINER* SERVING ME, I'LL DEFEAT THEM ONCE AND FOR ALL!

I SHALL CHOOSE MY MOST AWESOME WEAPONS! NAMOR WILL *HAVE* TO YIELD TO ME!

SUDDENLY, INCREDIBLY, ONE OF THE MOST FEARED OF ALL THE *X-MEN* APPEARS IN MAGNETO'S DOORWAY...

IT'S *CYCLOPS*! RUN, MASTER! HE'S RAISING HIS VISOR!!

BAH!! I'LL BLAST HIM TO SMITHEREENS FIRST!

THE RAY WENT RIGHT *THROUGH* HIM! WHAT *NEW* POWER HAS THE ACCURSED TEEN-AGER DEVELOPED?!

WITH NOTHING TO CHECK IT, MAGNETO'S MIGHTY RAY TRAVELS THROUGH THE GREAT HALL, PAST THE MUTANT CALLED *MASTER-MIND* WHO RECOILS JUST IN TIME!

BUT ANOTHER OF MAGNETO'S ALLIES, SEEING THE DEADLY RAY, HAS BUT ONE THOUGHT IN MIND... TO MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T STRIKE HIS SISTER! AND SO, THE SUPER-SWIFT *QUICKSILVER* SUDDENLY STREAKS THROUGH THE CASTLE!!

WANDA! I'VE GOT TO REACH WANDA!

AND THEN, A SPLIT-SECOND BEFORE THE RAY CAN TOUCH HER, *QUICKSILVER* HURLS THE *SCARLET WITCH* TO SAFETY!!

PIETRO! YOU *SAVED* ME!!

WHAT *WAS* IT, PIETRO?? ARE THE *X-MEN* ATTACKING US AGAIN? HOW DID THEY *FIND* US?? WHERE IS *MAGNETO*??

I DO NOT KNOW, WANDA! BUT WHOEVER DARED DO THIS THING WILL *PAY* FOR IT! I HAVE PLEDGED MY LIFE TO GUARD YOU, MY SISTER!

BUT, REACHING MAGNETO, THE SCARLET WITCH AND QUICK-SILVER FIND...

I WAS JUST PRACTICING MY *ILLUSIONS*, MAGNETO! I MEANT NO HARM...OHH!

THIS MAGNETIC POWER-BLAST IS ONLY A SMALL SAMPLE OF WHAT I'LL DO IF YOU EVER AGAIN DARE TO PRACTICE ONE OF YOUR ILLUSIONS ON ME!

THANK HEAVENS IT WAS ONLY AN ACCIDENT! THE X-MEN *AREN'T* ATTACKING US!!

THE *X-MEN!!* THAT REMINDS ME! I'VE GOT TO FIND SUB-MARINER BEFORE *THEY* DO! STAY BACK, NOW, ALL OF YOU!!

THUS, THE LEADER OF THE EVIL MUTANTS, WHOSE BRAIN POWER IS SECOND ONLY TO THAT OF PROFESSOR X, TRANSFORMS ALL HIS VAST MENTAL ENERGY INTO AN ILLUSORY FIGURE OF HIMSELF... AND SENDS IT FORTH...

NOW, WHILE MY BODY REMAINS HERE, MY *MIND* SHALL GO FORTH, UNHAMPERED, TO SEEK THE MUTANT SEA-PRINCE!

AND, AT PROFESSOR XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED YOUNGSTERS, IN THE TOP-SECRET *DANGER ROOM*...

WELL DONE, HANK! THOUGH WE CALL YOU "THE BEAST," YOUR SKILL AND AGILITY FAR EXCEED THAT OF ANY MEMBER OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM!

OF COURSE, SIR, IN ALL FAIRNESS TO OUR FOUR-FOOTED FRIENDS, THEY NEVER HAD *YOU* FOR A TEACHER!

ALL OF YOU, CONTINUE WITH YOUR PRACTICE UNTIL THE BELL RINGS! I SHALL RETURN SHORTLY!

CYCLOPS'LL KEEP US ON OUR TOES AS USUAL, SIR!

I THINK I'M FINALLY GETTING MY POWER BEAM UNDER MY COMPLETE CONTROL!

NOW I'LL TRY THIS WITH MY EYES SHUT!

WE'VE PLENTY OF TESTS TO KEEP US BUSY WHILE YOU'RE GONE, PRO-FESSOR!

THEN, IN THE SECLUSION OF HIS STUDY, THE MAN WITH THE MIGHTIEST BRAIN ON EARTH PREPARES TO SEARCH FOR SUB-MARINER, EVEN AS HIS ARCH-FOE *MAGNETO* IS DOING...

IF ONLY MY *PHYSICAL* BODY WERE AS FREE AS MY MENTAL IMAGE! BUT EVEN THE GREAT MUTANT POWER OF MY BRAIN IS NOT ENOUGH TO CURE MY HELPLESS FLESH-AND-BLOOD LEGS!

BECAUSE IT IS A PROJECTION OF HIS *MIND* WHICH IS TRAVELLING, IT CAN SURVIVE AS EASILY UNDER THE SEA AS IN THE AIR, AND SO THE DRAMATIC SEARCH BEGINS!

IF HE IS ANYWHERE IN THIS AREA, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SENSE HIS PRESENCE!

BUT, BEFORE VERY LONG...

I *DO* SENSE ANOTHER PRESENCE... BUT IT IS AN *EVIL* ONE... COMING CLOSER.. AND CLOSER..

IT IS *MAGNETO!* IT CAN BE NO OTHER!!

HE, TOO, MUST BE SEEKING PRINCE NAMOR! BUT I SHALL NOT LET HIM FIND *ME* HERE!

WHEN NEXT WE MEET, IT SHALL BE AT A TIME OF *MY OWN* CHOOSING! I'LL RETURN TO MY STUDY AND LET MAGNETO FINISH MY QUEST *FOR* ME!!

A SHORT TIME LATER, LITTLE DREAMING THAT PROFESSOR X *KNOWS* OF HIS PRESENCE, *MAGNETO* APPEARS...

I'M GETTING *CLOSER* TO SUB-MARINER.. I CAN *FEEL* IT!!

WHEN I *FIND* HIM, I MUST BE EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS! HIS POWER MAY EVEN BE THE EQUAL OF *MINE!* I MUST NEVER PERMIT HIM TO CHALLENGE MY SUPERIORITY!!

FINALLY, GUIDED BY THE EXTRA-SENSORY PERCEPTION OF HIS MUTANT BRAIN, MAGNETO SIGHTS HIS OBJECTIVE...

A REGAL CASTLE, UNDER THE SEA!! I'VE FOUND THE SUB-MARINER!!

THERE HE *IS!* BUT...NEVER HAVE I SEEN SUCH *ANGER*... SUCH INHUMAN *RAGE!*

AGAIN THE FANTASTIC FOUR HAVE DEFEATED ME!! AGAIN THE GIRL I LOVE HAS SPURNED ME!!* THOUGH I AM PRINCE OF THE DEEP, MONARCH OF THE SEA, MY TITLES ARE HOLLOW...MY KINGDOM IS EMPTY AND MEANINGLESS!!

*FANTASTIC FOUR #27...EDITOR.

WHAT DOES MY CASTLE MEAN?? WHAT USE IS MY *CROWN* TO ME?? THOUGH MY *POWER* IS ALMOST WITHOUT LIMIT, I LIVE HERE LIKE AN *EXILE!!*

THE HUMANS HAVE TAKEN FROM ME EVERYTHING I HELD MOST DEAR!! BECAUSE OF THEM MY PEOPLE HAVE DESERTED ME...ONLY YOU, A HANDFUL OF LOYAL FOLLOWERS, REMAIN!!

BEGONE!! THE VERY *SIGHT* OF YOU REMINDS ME OF MY BYGONE DAYS OF GLORY!!

BUT THOSE DAYS WILL RETURN *AGAIN!* AND WHEN THEY DO, PRINCE NAMOR SHALL RULE BOTH THE SEA AND THE *LAND*... EVERYTHING THAT LIVES ON EARTH SHALL PAY ME HOMAGE!

HIS ANGER IS TOO GREAT! I SHALL NOT APPROACH HIM YET! INSTEAD, I'LL GET *ANOTHER* TO DO MY BIDDING!

I DETECT A PRESENCE BEHIND ME...SO FILLED WITH EVIL, IT CHILLS MY BLOOD!

WHO... *WHAT* ARE YOU??

I AM *MAGNETO!* THAT IS ALL YOU NEED KNOW! I AM HERE TO GIVE YOU POWER BEYOND YOUR WILDEST DREAMS!

I HAVE CHOSEN WELL! I CAN SENSE THE GREED, AND THE ENVY IN THIS MAN'S HEART! HE IS PERFECT!

HOW WOULD *YOU* LIKE TO REPLACE PRINCE NAMOR AS RULER OF ATLANTIS?!

ME??! HOW??

JUST DO AS I SAY!! GIVE THE SUB-MARINER A *MESSAGE* FROM ME! REPEAT IT EXACTLY AS I TELL YOU TO!

WHY SHOULD I *TRUST* YOU?? WHAT *KIND* OF MESSAGE?

IT IS A MESSAGE THAT WILL MAKE SUB-MARINER *LEAVE* HERE TO JOIN ME... AND WITH HIM GONE... A CLEVER MAN MIGHT EASILY STEAL POWER...!!

HMM!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT HIS HEADQUARTERS, PROFESSOR X COMES OUT OF HIS TRANCE...

GATHER 'ROUND ME, MY X-MEN... WE ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN A NEW MISSION!

OH, BOY! AT *LAST*!!

UNKNOWN TO MAGNETO, I HAVE BEEN MENTALLY FOLLOWING HIM! HE HAS LOCATED THE SUB-MARINER AND IS TRYING TO MAKE HIM AN ALLY!

EVEN NOW, MAGNETO IS RETURNING TO HIS HIDDEN ISLE, TO AWAIT PRINCE NAMOR'S ANSWER!

BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW WHERE MAGNETO'S ISLE *IS*, SIR?

"SOME DAYS AGO A FREIGHTER IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC REPORTED THAT ITS COMPASS SEEMED TO HAVE GONE MAD! I INVESTIGATED THE REPORT..."

"LATER, THE SHIP SIGHTED A MYSTERIOUS ISLE WITH A HUGE MAGNETIC DEVICE EMITTING STRANGE RAYS..."

"AND THEN, BEFORE THE CREW COULD BE SURE THEY WEREN'T DREAMING, OR HAVING A MASS HALLUCINATION, THE ENTIRE FREIGHTER SEEMED TO BE LIFTED BY AN IRRESISTIBLE MAGNETIC FORCE, AND WAS FINALLY PUT DOWN FIFTY MILES SOUTH OF BERMUDA!"

I SURMISE IT WASN'T DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO PUT TWO AND TWO TOGETHER, PROFESSOR?

NOT AT ALL, HANK! AND NOW, WE'RE GOING TO CHARTER A SAILBOAT AND TAKE A LITTLE CRUISE!

AND IF WE HAPPEN TO FIND MAGNETO'S ISLE AT THE SAME TIME, WE'LL TRY NOT TO BE TOO SURPRISED!

A SHORT TIME LATER, THE STRANGEST CREW EVER TO MAN A SAILING VESSEL TAKES TO SEA, AND AFTER A FEW HOURS...

STILL NO SIGN OF LAND FROM HERE, PROFESSOR!

RETURN TO THE SHIP, ANGEL!

OUR T.V. CAMERA CAN "SEE" A GREATER DISTANCE THAN THE ANGEL CAN! LIFT IT AS HIGH AS POSSIBLE BY YOUR TELE-KINETIC POWER, JEAN!

YES, SIR!

NO LUCK, PROFESSOR! THE REMOTE CONTROL T.V. SCREEN STILL SHOWS NO TRACE OF AN ISLAND!

VERY WELL THEN! HANK, YOU MAY RETRIEVE THE CAMERA FOR US!

I'D BE DELIGHTED, SIR! I'VE BEEN PERFECTING THIS MANEUVER FOR DAYS NOW!

BEAST! LOOK OUT!! THE ROPE IS FRAYED! ...IT'S SPLITTING!!

CORRECTION... IT SPLIT!

I'LL GET YOU, HANK! OH... I..I CAN'T HOLD YOU... TOO HEAVY!

LEAVE IT TO ME, JEAN!

NOTHING LIKE A NICE SOFT, MUSHY PILE OF SNOW FOR A FELLA TO LAND IN!

LUCKY MARVEL GIRL WAS ABLE TO HOLD HANK LONG ENOUGH FOR YOU TO WHIP THAT SNOW UP, BOBBY!

HERE'S THE PROFESSOR'S CAMERA, JEAN... SOMEWHAT THE WORSE FOR WEAR!

NEXT TIME, KNOCK OFF THE GRANDSTAND PLAYS, HANK! A CAMERA LIKE THAT COSTS *MONEY!*

WHAT A COMEDOWN! I THOUGHT YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT ME!

ARE YOU SURE WE'RE ON THE RIGHT COURSE, SIR? OR COULD MAGNETO HAVE SET UP SOME SORT OF SCREEN WHICH *CONCEALS* HIS ISLE?

NO SCREEN CAN PREVENT ME FROM *SENSING* HIS PRESENCE! OUR COURSE IS TRUE... WE'LL FIND HIM YET!

MEANWHILE, AT THE SUB-MARINER'S UNDERSEA CASTLE, THE SEEDS WHICH MAGNETO PLANTED BEGIN TO BEAR FRUIT...

BY YOUR LEAVE, SIRE... THERE IS *ONE* MAN WHO COULD *HELP* YOU IN YOUR BATTLE WITH MANKIND!

BAH! PRINCE NAMOR NEEDS NO HELP FROM *ANY* MAN!

BUT HE IS NO MERE *HUMAN*, MY PRINCE! HE IS A *MUTANT*... ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL ON EARTH... THE SAME AS *YOU* ARE!

I?? A MUTANT?? WHY HAS THAT THOUGHT NEVER OCCURED TO ME BEFORE??

HIS NAME IS *MAGNETO!* AND HE HATES THE HUMANS AS MUCH AS *YOU* DO! I CAN TELL YOU WHERE TO *FIND* HIM, SIRE!

THE *LAST* TIME I TOOK AN ALLY, I REGRETTED IT!* BUT, IF MAGNETO IS A FELLOW MUTANT...!

* AVENGERS # 3 "THE HULK AND SUB-MARINER"... EDITOR.

AND SO, WITHIN MINUTES, A SLEEK UNDERSEA RACER HEADS FOR MAGNETO'S ISLE...

I MUST SEE THIS FELLOW MUTANT FOR MYSELF! I MUST LEARN WHAT HIS POWER IS!

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A SHORT TIME LATER...

MAGNETO'S ISLE IS INDEED WELL HIDDEN! EVEN WITH DIRECTIONS IT WAS HARD TO FIND!

SUB-MARINER!! I KNEW YOU'D COME! I AM MAGNETO!! THIS IS MY ISLAND!

SILENCE!

NONE SPEAK IN THE PRESENCE OF ROYALTY WITHOUT FIRST BEING RECOGNIZED!!

BEFORE WE TALK, I SHALL SCOUT THIS ISLE AND MAKE SURE I HAVE NOT ENTERED SOME SORT OF HIDDEN TRAP!!

ALL I HEARD ABOUT HIM IS TRUE! HE IS EVERY INCH A MONARCH! AND HE'S SURE OF HIS STRENGTH!

BUT I MUST FIND A WAY TO INFLUENCE HIM...TO CONTROL HIM!

AH! YOU ARE WHAT I NEED! ONCE HE SETS HIS EYES ON THE SCARLET WITCH, HE'LL BE PUTTY IN OUR HANDS!

LET MY SISTER GO, MAGNETO, OR BY THUNDER, I'LL...!

SHE'S IN NO DANGER, QUICKSILVER! I MERELY WANT HER TO MEET SOMEONE!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, PIETRO! WE MUST TRUST MAGNETO! WE BOTH OWE HIM OUR LIVES!*

*X-MEN#4...EDITOR.

HOW NOBLE HE LOOKS...HOW SLIM, YET MUSCULAR! HE'S FASCINATING!

EVERYTHING ON THIS ISLE IS POWERED BY MAGNETISM!

WHY WOULD SOMEONE SO FINE, SO MASTERFUL, WANT TO ALLY HIMSELF WITH THE EVIL MAGNETO?? WELL, IT IS NOT FOR ME TO QUESTION!

I'LL APPROACH HIM...TAP HIM ON THE SHOULDER, AND THEN...OH, NO! I CARELESSLY MADE A GESTURE! IT WILL CAUSE MY HEX POWER TO OPERATE!!

SUB-MARINER... LOOK OUT!

A BURST OF HIGH VOLTAGE *ELECTRICITY!*

HE'S RIPPING OUT THE CABLE WIRES WHICH I ACCIDENTALLY HEXED... WITH HIS *BARE HAND!!*

WANDA! WHAT HAPPENED?

IT IS ALL RIGHT, PIETRO! PRINCE NAMOR WAS SUBJECTED TO A DEADLY AMOUNT OF ELECTRICITY... AND IT DID NO MORE THAN JOLT HIM!

YOU WERE THE CAUSE OF THAT?

YES, BUT I DID NOT *MEAN* IT! SOMETIMES MY *HEX POWER* GETS OUT OF HAND! I AM THE *SCARLET WITCH*... AND THIS IS MY BROTHER, *QUICKSILVER!*

I STILL DO NOT TRUST HIM, WANDA!

SO *THAT'S* THE FAMOUS SUB-MARINER! HE'S JUST A MAN IN SWIMMING TRUNKS! WHAT A DISAPPOINTMENT!

SEE THE WINGS ON HIS FEET! HOW *SMALL* THEY ARE! OF WHAT *USE* CAN THEY BE?

FOOLS! HIS STRENGTH IS THAT OF A *HUNDRED* HUMANS!! HE HAS NO *NEED* OF COSTUME, OR WEAPONS! WITH SUCH AN ALLY BESIDE ME, I COULD CONQUER THE *WORLD!*

THEN, AT THAT VERY SPLIT-SECOND, A FLASHING, FLYING FORM SWOOPS PAST THE STARTLED GROUP OF MUTANTS...

LOOK! IT IS THE *ANGEL!*

THAT MEANS THE *X-MEN* ARE HERE!! THEY'VE *FOUND* US!!

SILENCE!! DON'T PANIC!! IF THE *X-MEN* ATTACK US, IT WILL BE THEIR GREATEST BLUNDER!! HERE, ON MY HOME GROUNDS, I CANNOT BE DEFEATED!!

MAGNETO! I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM PROFESSOR X! IT CONCERNS THE SUB-MARINER!!

IT IS *TOO LATE* FOR MESSAGES, ANGEL! I KNOW WHAT YOUR ACCURSED PROFESSOR IS UP TO, BUT *I* FOUND NAMOR FIRST!

HERE IS A MESSAGE FOR X... IF YOU LIVE TO *DELIVER* IT! TELL HIM OF MY *POWER*!!

HE'S MAGNETIZED THE BOULDERS NEAR HIM... HURLING THEM AT ME LIKE MISSILES!!

IT'S LUCKY THE PROFESSOR SPENT SO MANY LONG HOURS ON MY AGILITY AND OBSTACLE-DODGING PRACTICE!!

STAND ASIDE, MAGNETO! YOU MAKE GOOD USE OF YOUR MAGNETIC TALENT... BUT LET THE SUB-MARINER SHOW YOU WHAT *REAL* POWER IS!!

MAGNETO! SHALL I...?

NO! LET US SEE WHAT *NAMOR* CAN DO!!

YOU FLY WELL, STRIPLING! ...BUT THE *SUB-MARINER'S* WINGED FEET ARE A MATCH FOR ANY AIRBORNE FOE!

GUESS AGAIN, NAMOR! I CAN OUTMANEUVER YOU IN THE AIR WITHOUT HALF-TRYING!!

PERHAPS YOU CAN! BUT WHAT GOOD IS MANEUVERABILITY WHEN IT IS PITTED AGAINST STRENGTH SUCH AS MINE?!

THERE, ARROGANT ONE!! OF WHAT USE ARE YOUR WINGS *NOW*... NOW WHEN I CAN HURL YOU SO FAR AND SO FAST THAT THEY FLATTEN HELPLESSLY AGAINST YOUR SIDE?!!

A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY, AN ALARM IS SOUNDED...

HANK! ANGEL IS HEADING THIS WAY! HE NEEDS HELP!

HE'S COMING LIKE A BULLET! BUT DON'T WORRY...I'LL RETARD HIS PROGRESS!

GOOD WORK, NATURE BOY! HERE'S A LITTLE ASSIST FROM ICEMAN TO KEEP YOU FROM LANDING TOO HARD!!

FREEZING ON IMPACT, THE SPRAY OF ICE WHICH BOBBY DRAKE HURLED UPWARDS TOWARDS HIS TWO PARTNERS BECOMES A MAKESHIFT SLIDE, ENABLING THEM TO REACH THE SHIP SAFELY!

SORRY I DON'T HAVE TIME TO SEND YOU A SLED, FELLAS...BUT I GUESS YOU'LL FORGIVE ME!

THAT WAS QUICK-THINKING, HANK! THE PROFESSOR WAS PLEASED!

SPEAKING OF THE PROFESSOR...HE WANTS ANGEL TO REPORT TO HIM AT ONCE!

AND SO...

YOU WERE RIGHT, SIR! SUB-MARINER IS ON THE ISLE WITH MAGNETO!

THAT'S WHAT I FEARED! WE MAY ALREADY BE TOO LATE!

WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE, PROFESSOR?

WE CAN'T WASTE A MINUTE! WE'VE GOT TO HIT THEM FAST.. HIT THEM HARD! PREPARE FOR ACTION, MY X-MEN!

BUT, KNOWING THE POWER OF THE X-MEN, MAGNETO, TOO, PREPARES TO ATTACK, AS THE LARGEST MAGNET ON EARTH IS ZEROED IN ON THE X-MEN'S SHIP!!

SUBJECTED TO A FORCE AGAINST WHICH THERE IS NO DEFENSE, THE STURDY SHIP IS TORN APART IN SECONDS!

ABANDON SHIP!

THE PROFESSOR!! WHERE IS THE PROFESSOR??

HANG ON, SIR! I'LL GET YOU... SOMEHOW!!

DON'T WORRY, ABOUT *ME*, HANK! MAKE SURE THE *OTHERS* ARE SAFE!

DON'T WORRY, SIR! WITH THE TRAINING *YOU* GAVE US, WE'LL *ALL* BE SAFE!

I'LL JUST TREAD WATER THIS WAY TO HOLD YOU UP TILL HELP COMES!

HAVE NO FEAR, BEASTIE DEAR... HELP IS HERE! I'LL MAKE AN ICY PLATFORM TO GET US TO MAGNETO'S ISLE!

MAGNETO WILL HAVE ONLY *HIMSELF* TO BLAME FOR WHAT HAPPENS NOW!

MINUTES LATER, UNARMED, BUT UNAFRAID, THE VALIANT BAND OF *X-MEN* APPROACHES THE MOST DANGEROUS ISLE ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH!

HEADS UP! WE'RE ALMOST THERE!

SUDDENLY...

BEATS *ME*, SCOTTY! IT'LL TAKE US *FOR-EVER* TO HACK OUR WAY THROUGH THEM!

HOLD IT! WHERE DID THIS WALL OF *SPINE ROOTS* COME FROM?? IT WASN'T HERE *BEFORE*?

BUT THEN, THE CLEAR, COMMANDING VOICE OF PROFESSOR X RINGS OUT...

IT WILL TAKE LESS TIME THAN YOU SUSPECT! WITHOUT STOPPING, WALK STRAIGHT *INTO* THE SPINE ROOTS! YOU FIRST, CYCLOPS!

YES, SIR... IF YOU SAY SO!!

WAIT FOR *ME*, PARTNER! I... *HEY*... THERE'S NOTHING *HERE*!

WE SHOULD HAVE GUESSED, WARREN! THE PROFESSOR CAUGHT ON IMMEDIATELY! IT WAS JUST AN *ILLUSION*... ANOTHER DEVICE OF *MASTERMIND'S* TO SLOW US UP!

BUT WE *MADE* IT! AND THERE'S MAGNETO'S GIANT MAGNET!! *THAT* MUST BE WHAT WRECKED OUR SHIP!

I'LL SMASH IT WITH MY POWER BEAM!

BUT, BEFORE CYCLOPS CAN CLIMB TO THE MAIN CONTROL PLATFORM...

ONLY YOUR BLINDING *SPEED* CAN STOP HIM NOW! DO NOT FAIL, QUICKSILVER!

AND, IN THE SPACE OF ONE SINGLE HEARTBEAT...

I SEEM TO HEAR SOMETHING BEHIND ME! LIKE THE OMINOUS HUM OF AN ONRUSHING HURRICANE!

AND THEN...

IT'S *IMPOSSIBLE*! NO ONE CAN ATTACK WITH SUCH BLINDING *SPEED*!

QUICKSILVER CAN! YOU WERE *FOOLS* TO ATTACK US! OUR STRENGTH IS FAR *GREATER* THAN YOURS!!

IT *IS*?? THEN WHY ARE YOU FRANTICALLY DODGING MY POWER BLASTS!?

BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'LL EXHAUST YOUR ENERGY IN A FEW MORE SECONDS.. AND THEN YOU'LL BE *HELPLESS*!!

CORRECTION, QUICKSILVER! NO X-MEN IS EVER HELPLESS... NOT WHILE ANOTHER X-MAN LIVES!!

GOOD WORK, MARVEL GIRL! JUST HOLD HIM THERE FOR A FEW MORE SECONDS, AND THEN THE OTHERS WILL TAKE OVER!

BY THE TIME MARVEL GIRL BEGINS TO RELEASE HER TELEKINETIC HOLD ON QUICKSILVER, THE ONCE-LIGHTNING-SWIFT MUTANT IS STUNNED AND DIZZY...

GRAB HIM, ANGEL! HE'LL BE TOO GROGGY TO RESIST FOR A WHILE!

CAPTURING QUICKSILVER WAS NO MEAN FEAT, HONEY!

LET HIM DROP... I'LL CATCH HIM!

MAGNETO!! YOU MUST DO SOMETHING! THEY'VE CAUGHT MY BROTHER! THEY HAVE PIETRO!

IT WILL DO THEM NO GOOD!! THEY WON'T HAVE A CHANCE WHEN I TURN THE FULL FORCE OF MY MAGNET AGAINST THEM!

NO! YOU CAN'T! MY BROTHER IS WITH THEM!

STOP YOUR SNIVELLING! I MAKE THE DECISIONS HERE! ABIDE BY THEM, OR SUFFER THE SAME FATE YOURSELF!

BUT, BEFORE MAGNETO CAN MAKE ANOTHER MOVE, A SILENT, POWERFUL FIGURE WITH MUSCLES LIKE STEEL BANDS BRUSHES PAST HIM, SEIZING THE ELABORATE CONTROL BANK IN ONE EFFORTLESS MOTION...

NAMOR! STAND BACK! EVEN YOU ARE NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFY MAGNETO!

I AM THE SUB-MARINER! I ALLY MYSELF WITH NO ONE WHO SPEAKS TO A FEMALE AS YOU DO!!

SO BE IT!! I SEE WE CAN NEVER FIGHT SIDE BY SIDE! BUT THOSE WHO DO NOT SERVE ME ARE MY ENEMIES!! AND THIS IS HOW I TREAT THEM!

HE'S MAGNETICALLY HURLING THE METAL MACHINE PARTS AT ME!!

I CAN'T SHAKE THESE METAL PIECES OFF ME!! HE'S PRESSING THEM TIGHTER AND TIGHTER... MENTALLY!

I REALIZE NOW THAT I MISJUDGED YOU! ALL YOU POSSESS IS BRUTE STRENGTH! MY POWER IS MUCH GREATER...FOR IT IS THE UNIVERSAL POWER OF *MAGNETISM!*

BUT, AT THAT MOMENT, A SUDDEN BLAST ROCKS THE CHAMBER, JOLTING MAGNETO AND HIS TWO EVIL HENCHMEN AS THE VERY ISLE SEEMS TO QUIVER WITH THE FORCE OF THE BLAST!

AND THEN, BEFORE THE EVIL MUTANTS REGAIN THEIR BALANCE...

YOU WERE RIGHT ON TARGET, CYCLOPS!

ONE THING ABOUT YOU, SCOTTY...YOU SURE KNOW HOW TO MAKE AN ENTRANCE!

QUICK... RUSH THEM BEFORE THEY RECOVER THEM-SELVES!

MAGNETO HAS *FLED!* WE'RE *ALONE!* QUICK, MASTERMIND! SAVE US FROM THE X-MEN!

I'VE GOT TO ACT *FAST* BEFORE HE GETS ME WITH THAT ACCURSED BEAM OF HIS!

GOOD! THE OTHER X-MEN ARE AT HIS SIDE NOW...THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE... AN HYPNOTIC ILLUSION WHICH CANNOT FAIL!

WHERE DID THIS SUDDEN *FOG* COME FROM?

IT WASN'T HERE A *SECOND* AGO!

IT'S ONE OF *MASTER-MIND'S* ILLUSIONS! IT *HAS* TO BE!

ILLUSION OR *NOT*...WE CAN'T *SEE!*

I'VE GOT AN IDEA, GANG! EVEN THOUGH WE CAN'T *SEE* THEM...WE CAN ALWAYS TRY TO *FREEZE* THEM OUT! WATCH THIS!

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QUICK! THROUGH THIS IRON DOOR BEFORE YOU'RE FROZEN INTO IMMOBILITY!

THOSE BLASTED TEEN-AGERS WON'T EVER STAY BEATEN!

SCARLET WITCH!! HURRY! I'VE GOT TO SEAL THIS DOOR!!

NO! I WON'T LEAVE WITHOUT MY BROTHER! I CAN'T DESERT PIETRO!

HAVE IT YOUR OWN WAY, THEN! MY SAFETY IS ALL THAT MATTERS! ONLY THROUGH MY LEADERSHIP CAN HOMO SUPERIOR TAKE OVER THE EARTH!

WE DON'T NEED HER, MASTER! HER LOYALTY TO YOU ISN'T AS GREAT AS MINE!

LOYALTY! BAH! I RULE BY FEAR ALONE!

MEANWHILE, HEARING THE IRON DOOR SHUT, ICEMAN DEFROSTS THE CHAMBER, AND, AS THE ILLUSIONARY FOG FADES AWAY...

CAREFUL! WE'RE LOCKED IN HERE WITH SUB-MARINER AND THE SCARLET WITCH!

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

KEEP CALM! WE'VE GOT TO PLAY THIS BY EAR!

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH QUICKSILVER? I DEMAND THAT YOU RELEASE HIM!

YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO IMPOSE DEMANDS ON US!

WITH MAGNETO GONE, THESE PIECES OF METAL ARE NO LONGER MAGNETIZED TO MY BODY! AND NOW...

THE SUB-MARINER COMMANDS YOU TO OBEY THE FEMALE! SET QUICKSILVER FREE!

LOOK, YOU PISCATORIAL PIRATE... YOU MAY BE MR. BIG WHEN YOU'RE IN THE BRINY DEEP, BUT YOUR IMPERIAL IDIOSYNCRACIES DON'T IMPRESS THE X-MEN!

FOOL! IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN A FANCY VOCABULARY TO STOP PRINCE NAMOR!

AND I'VE GOT MORE! I ALSO POSSESS SPEED AND AGILITY WHICH FAR EXCEED YOUR OWN!

BUT WHAT *GOOD* ARE THEY AGAINST THE *STRENGTH* OF THE SEA LORD ?

EVEN *YOUR* BESTIAL ATTACK CANNOT AFFECT ONE WHOSE BODY IS ABLE TO WITHSTAND THE IN-DESCRIBABLE PRESSURES AT THE VERY BOTTOM OF THE SEA !!

NOW ARE YOU CONVINCED THAT NAMOR THE FIRST, PRINCE OF ATLANTIS, EMPEROR OF THE DEEP, LORD OF THE SEVEN SEAS, IS COMPLETELY *INVINCIBLE?*

NO! AS FAR AS *I'M* CONCERNED, NAMOR, YOU'VE ONLY MANAGED TO PROVE THAT YOU LOVE THE SOUND OF YOUR OWN VOICE !!

BAM! BAM!

BAM!

THE BEAST IS DOING HIS BEST, BUT NAMOR IS TOO MUCH FOR HIM! LET'S *GO*, CYCLOPS !!

NOT YET, ANGEL! HE CAN'T BE BEATEN BY A SIMPLE FRONTAL ATTACK! WE NEED A PLAN!

OKAY... *YOU* STAY AND MAKE PLANS! *I'M* GONNA HELP OUR BAREFOOT BUDDY! I'M... *OHHN!*

HAH! I WAS *EXPECTING* YOU TO TRY THAT! *THIS'LL* CLIP YOUR WINGS, ANGEL!

WHUMP!

WE CAN DELAY NO LONGER! NOW *BOTH* THE BEAST AND ANGEL ARE IN DANGER!

ALL RIGHT, SUB-MARINER! IF BRUTE FORCE IS ALL YOU UNDERSTAND, THE *X-MEN* HAVE ENOUGH TO SATISFY YOU! NOW *BACK AWAY*... IT'S *OUR* TURN TO ATTACK!!

SURRENDER, NAMOR!! YOU CAN'T ESCAPE MY POWER BEAM!

DO YOUR *WORST*, CYCLOPS! UNLIKE MY STRENGTH, YOUR POWER BLAST WILL SOON SUBSIDE, AND I'LL *FINISH* THIS CHARADE!

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ME, NAMOR! DON'T MAKE ME USE MY *FULL INTENSITY!* THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE!

NAMOR TRIED TO *HELP* ME! I MUST RETURN THE FAVOR! I'LL USE MY *HEX POWER* ON THE FEARLESS X-MAN!

NO SOONER DOES THE *SCARLET WITCH* UNLEASH HER UNCANNY *HEX*, THEN THE VERY STONES SUDDENLY LOOSEN UNDER CYCLOPS' FEET, AND...

WHA...?? I LOST MY BALANCE!!

YOU *HAD* YOUR CHANCE, CYCLOPS! BUT NOW, BEFORE YOU CAN RECOVER YOURSELF, YOU'LL FEEL THE MIGHTY WRATH OF *NAMOR!*

HALT!

LOUDER THAN ANY HUMAN OUTCRY, THE IRRESISTIBLE *MENTAL COMMAND* OF THE MAN WHO SUDDENLY ENTERS STOPS EVERYONE IN THEIR TRACKS, AS ALL HEADS TURN... TOWARDS *PROFESSOR X!*

THERE IS NO NEED TO CONTINUE YOUR BATTLE! QUICKSILVER HAS NOT BEEN HARMED... AS YOU CAN SEE!

BUT WHY IS HE SO MOTIONLESS.. SO STILL? WHY ARE HIS EYES SO LACKING IN EXPRESSION?

HE IS UNDER MY *MENTAL CONTROL!*

NO! YOU MUST NOT DO THIS DREADFUL THING! *RELEASE HIS BRAIN!* LET HIM BE AS HE WAS!

I SHALL! YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR! MY FIGHT IS NOT WITH YOU... NOR WITH NAMOR! *MAGNETO* IS THE REAL ENEMY! ALL OF YOU ARE BUT *PAWNS!*

PAWNS?!! WHO DARES CALL THE *SUB-MARINER* A PAWN ??! *PROTECT YOURSELVES,* X-MEN! WE'LL *SEE* WHICH OF US ARE THE PAWNS!!

NO, NAMOR!! PLEASE..! NOT UNTIL QUICKSILVER IS HIMSELF AGAIN! NOT UNTIL PROFESSOR X RELEASES HIS MENTAL CONTROL!

MARVEL GIRL! PUSH THE PRO-FESSOR TO SAFETY! *WE'LL* STOP NAMOR!

STAND FAST, MY X-MEN! THE SUB-MARINER IS NO MURDER-ER! HE WILL NOT STRIKE IF WE DON'T PROVOKE HIM!

TOUCH PROFESSOR X, AND THE OCEAN WON'T BE BIG ENOUGH TO HIDE YOU, NAMOR!

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AND NOW, I SHALL RELEASE QUICKSILVER! I MUST KEEP MY MIND UNFETTERED, IN READINESS FOR THE BIGGER BATTLE WITH *MAGNETO!*

MAGNETO!! WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO HIM?? WHERE HAS HE GONE? WHAT WILL HE *DO* ABOUT PIETRO AND ME??

I FEEL AS THOUGH I'VE BEEN ASLEEP! MY HEAD FEELS NUMB... DAZED!

BAH! I WAS A FOOL TO HAVE COME HERE! THE *SUB-MARINER* NEEDS NO ALLIANCES! *ALL* SURFACEMEN ARE MY ENEMIES... WHETHER MUTANT OR NOT! I SHALL RETURN TO THE DEEP... WHERE I BELONG!

WHEN NEXT I RETURN, IT SHALL BE TO TAKE MY RIGHTFUL PLACE AS *CONQUEROR* OF THE AIR-BREATHERS, RECLAIMER OF THE SURFACE WORLD FOR THE ANCIENT EMPIRE OF ATLANTIS!!

PROFESSOR!! HE'S ESCAPING!

NOT SINCE I LOST MY HEART TO SUE STORM HAVE I SEEN SUCH A BEAUTY AS THE *SCARLET WITCH!* BUT I DARE NOT LOVE ANOTHER SURFACE FEMALE ...I DARE NOT BE-COME VUL-NERABLE AGAIN!

LET HIM GO! SO LONG AS HE DOES NOT JOIN MAGNETO'S MUTANTS, WE HAVE *WON!* HE CAN NEVER TRULY BE ONE OF *US*... HIS ALLEGIANCE IS TO ATLANTIS... *OURS* IS TO THE HUMAN RACE!

MEANTIME, MAGNETO, MASTERMIND AND THE TOAD REACH THE GIANT MAGNETIC DYNAMO WHICH ONLY THE LEADER OF THE EVIL MUTANTS HAS THE POWER TO OPERATE!

SO! NAMOR DARED TO CHALLENGE *ME*, DID HE? WELL, ANY MUTANT WHO ISN'T MY *ALLY* BECOMES MY MORTAL *ENEMY!*

I MUST MAKE CERTAIN HE CAN NEVER JOIN THE ACCURSED *X-MEN!* HE MUST BE *SMASHED* ONCE AND FOR ALL!

BE CAREFUL, MASTERMIND! THE *X-MEN* ARE STILL AT LARGE! AND WE'VE LOST QUICKSILVER AND THE SCARLET WITCH!

HOW *LITTLE* YOU KNOW! ONCE *NAMOR* IS DESTROYED, THE *X-MEN* WILL BE NEXT! AND THEN, QUICKSILVER AND HIS SISTER WILL REJOIN US! THERE IS *NO WAY* TO LEAVE MAGNETO'S MUTANTS... EXCEPT BY DEATH!!

NOW BE *SILENT!* I WANT TO ENJOY NAMOR'S DEFEAT!!

SECONDS LATER, AS THE SEA PRINCE APPEARS ON THE GIANT MAGNET'S VIEWFINDER, MAGNETO ACTIVATES THE MIGHTY MACHINE, AND THEN...

I'M BEING ROCKED BY AN INVISIBLE FORCE... MORE POWERFUL THAN ANYTHING I'VE EVER FELT!! COMING FROM THAT PEAK... IT'S *MAGNETO*... OPERATING HIS MONSTROUS MAGNET!! I MUST *FIGHT* IT... I CAN-NOT BE BEATEN *NOW!!*

IT'S FORCING ME TO THE GROUND... CRUSHING ME DOWN...DOWN...I'VE ONLY ONE CHANCE...ONE WAY TO STRIKE BACK!

FLEXING HIS MORE THAN HUMAN MUSCLES UNTIL THEY STAND OUT LIKE TAUT STEEL BANDS, THE SUB-MARINER SMASHES HIS TWO MIGHTY FISTS DOWN INTO THE GROUND WITH A FORCE BEYOND THE POWER OF HUMAN UNDERSTANDING!!

SO SHATTERING IS THE IMPACT THAT IT CAUSES THE ENTIRE ISLE TO QUIVER...AS THE GIGANTIC MAGNET PITCHES FORWARD, SHAKEN LOOSE FROM ITS ROCKY FOUNDATION!

WITHOUT A WORD, WITHOUT A BACKWARD GLANCE, THE AWESOME NAMOR RISES AND SLOWLY, IMPERIOUSLY, APPROACHES THE SEA...

THEN, WITH ONE BREATH-TAKING DIVE, THE RULER OF THE DEEP RETURNS TO HIS DOMAIN! THE OCEAN DEPTHS HAVE CLAIMED THEIR OWN!

AS FOR *MAGNETO*...NEVER BEFORE HAS SUCH ANGER, SUCH LIVID RAGE BEEN SEEN ON THE FACE OF THE EVIL MUTANT!

WE'VE *LOST!* NAMOR *BEAT* US!! HE... *UGH!*

SILENCE!! NO ONE BEATS MAGNETO!! HE MERELY ESCAPED MY VENGEANCE FOR THE PRESENT! *TOAD!* INTO THE MAGNO-SHIP!! *HOP*, YOU BRAINLESS GARGOYLE!

WITHIN SECONDS, MAGNETO'S SHIP, WITH THE TREMBLING TOAD AT THE CONTROLS, RAISES THE TWO MUTANTS MAGNETICALLY...

BUT WHAT ABOUT QUICK-SILVER... AND THE SCARLET WITCH?

THEY'RE COMING *NOW*...IN RESPONSE TO MY MENTAL COMMAND!

LOOK! OUR PRISONERS ARE ESCAPING!

I ALLOWED IT! UNTIL THEY JOIN US OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL, THEY WOULD BE USELESS TO US! SOMEDAY WE MUST LEARN WHAT MYSTERIOUS *HOLD* MAGNETO HAS OVER THEM!

I'M *GLAD* TO SEE THEM GO! THAT WITCH IS *MUCH* TOO ATTRACTIVE!

KNOW SOMETHING, JEANIE? SO ARE *YOU!*

HELP ME HOIST THE SAILS OF MAGNETO'S BOAT, MY FRIGID FRIEND!

SURE! EVERYONE YAKS AND *I* END UP DOIN' THE WORK!!

NEXT ISSUE: A STARTLING *CHANGE* OCCURS IN THE LIVES OF THE X-MEN! DON'T DARE MISS IT, OR WE'LL TELL THE PROFESSOR!

AN X-MEN X-TRA

SPECIAL PIN-UP PAGE "CYCLOPS"

Sincerely Yours,
Scott Summers

MINUTEMEN

Blunt

Brian Azzarello